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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 57.0 degrees, 1.8 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, October 14. Precipitation averaged 1.22 inches, this is 0.65 inches more than the historic level. The Northwest district received the most precipitation with 2.22 inches, while the Northeast district received the least at 0.72 inches. Growing degree days were 7 days above normal.

Reporters rated 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, October 12. This is 0.3 days less than last year and 1.0 days less than the 1996-00 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 5 percent very short, 19 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2001	4.7	6.1	132.8
2000	5.0	4.6	121.4
1996-2000 Average	5.7	5.1	135.5

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	5	19	63	13
Last Week	8	22	67	3
Same Week Last Year	0	3	86	11
1996-2000 Average	6	21	69	4

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 14

Reporters estimated that 91 percent of the **Corn** crop is mature. This is one day ahead of last year and six days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Corn harvested for silage is 93 percent complete. This is three days ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Eighteen percent of the corn crop has been harvested for grain. This is three days behind last year and four days behind the 1996-00 average. **Soybeans** are 95 percent mature. This is seven days ahead of last year. Sixty-seven percent

of the soybeans have been harvested. This is five days ahead of last year and three days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Alfalfa hay** fourth cutting is 83 percent complete. This is on schedule with last year. **Other Hay** third cutting is 92 percent complete. This is one day behind last year and five days behind the 1996-00 average. The **Tobacco** crop is 16 percent stripped. This is one day behind last year. The **Winter Wheat** crop is 67 percent planted. This is three days ahead of last year and two days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Thirteen percent of the winter wheat crop has emerged. This is one day behind last year and three days behind the 1996-00 average. **Potatoes** are 96 percent harvested. This is six days behind last year but four days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Fall and Winter apples** are 76 percent harvested. This is two days behind last year. **Grapes** are 86 percent harvested. This is seven days behind last year. **Sugarbeets** are two percent harvested.

Activities throughout the state include chisel plowing, mowing ditches, waterway construction and preparation, spreading lime and fertilizer, winter wheat and rye planting, cutting tobacco, baling hay, repairing equipment, cutting firewood, hauling grain and manure, drying grain, harvesting raspberries, apples and grapes, harvesting corn silage, corn, soybean and speltz harvesting, pumpkins, potatoes, and other vegetables harvesting continues.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Corn and soybean harvesting is progressing well. Frost and some heavy freeze was reported in parts of the state last week. Reported insects included soybean aphids, ladybugs, squash bugs, box elder bugs, mosquitoes, and spider mites. Reported weed problems include dandelion, jimsonweed, thistles, pokeweed, and garlic. Fruit and vegetable crops were reported in good to excellent condition throughout the state. Apple harvesting is almost complete with just a few late varieties left.

Reporters rated pasture conditions at 44 percent good to excellent condition. The corn crop is 56 percent in good to excellent condition. Soybeans are rated 58 percent in good to excellent condition.

Livestock were reported in mostly good condition. Calves in Harrison County were being weaned while others were hauled to market.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 14

Crop	2001	2000	1996-00 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	83	83	NA	73	NA
Corn harvested for silage	93	91	81	88	NA
Corn harvested for grain	18	23	24	12	29
Corn mature	91	90	83	75	90
Fall and Winter apples harvested	76	78	NA	63	NA
Grapes harvested	86	94	NA	75	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	92	92	96	89	NA
Potatoes harvested	96	100	92	91	NA
Soybeans mature	95	86	NA	88	NA
Soybeans harvested	67	55	59	43	40
Sugarbeets harvested	2	NA	NA	1	40
Tobacco stripped	16	17	NA	7	NA
Winter Wheat planted	67	58	61	44	70
Winter Wheat emerged	13	15	22	2	40

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 14

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	11	29	42	14
Previous Week	5	11	29	41	14
Previous Year	1	5	23	51	20
HAY					
Current Week	1	8	37	44	10
Previous Week	2	10	34	44	10
Previous Year	1	4	19	57	19
PASTURE					
Current Week	4	16	36	36	8
Previous Week	3	16	36	37	8
Previous Year	1	5	23	56	15
SOYBEANS					
Current Week	3	11	28	43	15
Previous Week	3	10	29	43	15
Previous Year	3	9	28	45	15

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 14

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr. 1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr. 1	Dev.
Northwest	57.5	3.5	2.22	1.64	26.05	4.76	72	15	3133	117
North Central	56.7	2.4	1.17	0.61	20.84	-1.30	65	9	3091	124
Northeast	56.3	2.6	0.72	0.05	18.13	-4.97	64	10	2846	33
West Central	58.3	3.3	1.53	0.94	29.78	7.09	71	8	3289	154
Central	57.7	2.1	1.18	0.68	24.39	0.71	73	8	3318	145
Central Hills	56.1	2.0	0.99	0.42	21.98	-1.52	66	8	3015	77
Northeast Hills	55.0	0.4	0.84	0.24	20.35	-2.96	61	1	3031	40
Southwest	58.8	2.1	1.56	1.00	29.91	5.70	80	9	3453	116
South Central	57.0	0.0	0.80	0.28	24.27	0.53	76	2	3486	114
Southeast	55.5	-0.1	0.90	0.34	24.43	0.66	69	2	3231	54
STATE	57.0	1.8	1.22	0.65	24.36	1.21	70	7	3207	99

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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